

Demonstrated Commitment by a Child Care Worker—The individual applying for the scholarship assistance must be employed by a licensed or registered child care provider or have a commitment for employment from a licensed or registered child care provider. The individual must agree to continue to be employed in the field of child care for at least one year after receiving the training for which the assistance is provided.

Demonstrated Commitment from a Child Care Employer—In exchange for a commitment from a child care worker to obtain further education and thus provide better quality child care to the children within the center, the child care center must agree to pay a share of the cost of the education or training. In addition, the employer must agree to provide increased financial incentives to the child care worker, such as a salary increase or bonus when the individual completes the education or training.

The legislative language is very similar to the language proposed in the Affordable and Quality Child Care Act of 1998 from the 105th Congress (H.R. 4030), which garnered the support of 132 members. If our nation is serious about improving child care, we need to improve the education and salary of those who are charged with caring for our children. I urge my colleagues to support this legislation.

IN HONOR OF WILLIAM L. PECK

**HON. ELTON GALLEGLY**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, February 24, 1999*

Mr. GALLEGLY. Mr. Speaker, I rise to pay tribute to William L. Peck, a man distinguished by his 37-year dedication to our system of jurisprudence and, particularly, his service on the bench of the Ventura County Superior Court.

Judge Peck retired last month. His passion, wisdom and outspokenness in defense of the law will be missed within the Ventura County Hall of Justice.

Judge Peck graduated from Boalt Law School at the University of California in Berkeley in 1961, and joined the Ventura County District Attorney's Office in 1962. In 1965, he went into private practice, where he remained until his appointment to the Ventura County Superior Court bench in 1980.

He served in many capacities during his judicial service, including presiding judge in 1985 and 1986. During his tenure he also served as presiding judge of the Appellate Department of the Court, and retired as supervising judge of the Civil Trial Judges of the Superior Court.

Judge Peck believes the justice system fails when a civil case goes to trial, and worked tirelessly over the years to bring parties to agreement. His efforts are credited with greatly reducing the court's calendar.

The law was equally important in Judge Peck's work outside the courtroom. He served in several capacities on the Ventura County Bar Association, including president in 1972. For several years he served on the Conference of Delegates for the State Bar of Cali-

fornia. He served on the California Judges Association Board of Directors. In addition, Judge Peck held memberships in the Ventura County Criminal Defense Bar Association, Ventura County Trial Lawyers Association and the American Bar Association.

He also shared his love of the law with schoolchildren by participating as a judge for several years at the Mock Trials Competition for Ventura County High Schools. He supported the education of our youth as a member of the Ventura County School District Board of Education, the Ventura County School Boards Association, the Ventura County Committee on School District Organization and the California School Boards Association.

Judge Peck also served on a myriad of other community committees and boards throughout his distinguished career. His service was also recognized through numerous awards, including his selection as Citizen of the Year by the Ventura Junior Chamber of Commerce in 1983; and the Petit Award for Outstanding Community Service in 1980 from the Ventura Chamber of Commerce.

When not accepting assignments as a retired jurist, Judge Peck will share his retirement with his wife, Laura. They have two children, Eric and Adair.

Mr. Speaker, I know my colleagues will join me in recognizing William Peck for his decades of service and wish him and his family Godspeed in his retirement.

HONORING WACO, TEXAS ON ITS  
150TH BIRTHDAY

**HON. CHET EDWARDS**

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, February 24, 1999*

Mr. EDWARDS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to offer my congratulations to the City of Waco on its 150th birthday. A dedicated and hard-working breed of Texan has taken Waco from a sleepy pioneer village settled in the 1840s to a bustling business and commercial hub ready to move into the 21st century. For a century and a half, Waco has taken the best and made it better, faced the worst and never retreated but always, always moved forward.

Waco has seen its fair share of boom times and depression, war and peace, hot summers and freezing winters. Waco has always shown an amazing ability to adapt, and to always remain true to the spirit of the first settlers who put down roots on the banks of the Brazos River.

The first settlers and those who followed in their footsteps would be amazed by how Waco has grown and prospered over the past 150 years. They would see that the famous Chisolm Trail where millions of cattle were driven to northern rail heads is now replaced with an Interstate Highway. Interstate 35 is the new concrete and asphalt Chisolm Trail that streams with goods going to market and people traveling to the four points of the compass.

The settlers would also see that several bridges now span the great Brazos River. A century ago the only way to cross the river was by ferry or on a single suspension bridge. These days, Waco has moved from ferry rides

to family vans and four-wheel drives that easily cross the river on steel and concrete bridges.

The settlers would also see that the Bosque River, has been dammed and a glittering lake now provides a stable supply of clean water to thousands of Central Texas families. The settlers would also be amazed to see mile after mile of homes, schools, hospitals and churches that have sprung up in the past 150 years. The settlers would see that the clothes are different, the homes are nicer, the people are healthier and life is safer.

What would not amaze those settlers are the people who now call Waco home. The early settlers would see in the 21st century Wacoan a strength handed down through the generations—a strength reinforced by faith and family. What is clear to me is that the settlers of yesterday and Wacoans of today share traits that will hold the future citizens in good stead for the next 150 years. Those traits include a devotion to family and faith, a willingness to work, a strong streak of independence and an ingenuity and doggedness to overcome any obstacle.

I ask members to join me in congratulating the people of Waco on 150 years. I also want to extend my best wishes and every wish for success to Waco—a city with a proud past and a promising future.

HONORING THE 1998 FAIRFAX CENTRAL CHAMBER OF COMMERCE  
PUBLIC SAFETY AWARD WINNERS

**HON. THOMAS M. DAVIS**

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, February 24, 1999*

Mr. DAVIS of Virginia. Mr. Speaker, it gives me great pleasure today to rise and bring to the attention of my colleagues some very special Public Safety personnel in Fairfax City in the Eleventh Congressional District of Virginia. Every year the Fairfax Central Chamber of Commerce honors police officers, fire fighters, and dispatchers who have shown the highest level of dedication to their noble duties. These individuals who are role models to others in their profession will be honored this afternoon at the 1998 Public Safety Awards Luncheon.

The 1998 awards recipients are:

Career Firefighter of the Year: Technician John C. Henderson: Technician Henderson is being recognized with this prestigious award for his continued exemplary commitment to the accomplishment of Department goals and objectives. Technician Henderson's performance is characterized by unselfishness, teamwork, commitment to the improvement of City services, and support of the Fairfax Volunteer Fire Department (FVFD). Most notable among Technician Henderson's performance indicators for 1998 is his involvement with training new members of the Department. Technician Henderson spent many hours working with new employees and new members of the FVFD to ensure that they possessed the skills necessary to perform essential tasks in a safe and effective manner.

Volunteer Fire Fighter/Paramedic of the Year: Fire Fighter Tara Duffy: Fire Fighter